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Recruitment & labour in Mysore for Plantations in Ceylon

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*Later references.*

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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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*Serial Nos.* 1-25

**Part B.** for May 11.

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SUBJECT.

Recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon.

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To the District Magistrate D. I. G. of Police

No 6610-18 & 11-5-11

Forwards copy of the letter from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner Trichinopoly. Refers to his

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Gen. Misc)

NOTES.

File No. 94-08

FILE HEADING.

Recruitment of Labour in Mysore for Plantations in Ceylon.

From

The E A Resident

No. 4375 Dated 22.8.08 Received 22.8.08.

Diary No. 930 | Enclos. 1 | Spare Copies | Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards a copy of letter dt. 8.8.08 from Ceylon Labour Commr, Trichinopoly, on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for Plantations in Ceylon & requests to be favoured with the views of Govt Durbar on the matter.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted for Orders

VS 25-8-08 (2) Please put up a copy of the Indian Emigration Act 26-8-08

To Branch III for Kind Compliance -

V.S. 26/8/08 (3) Spare Copies of the Act are not available in Branch III. Miscellaneous Acts of Govt. in Council, Vol: I & VII may be got 27/8/08 from the G.R.S Library on temporary receipt

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Please put up drafts to D.G. Police + Dt. Magistrates inviting their opinion 28.8.08

(4) D930

(5) Drafts submitted for approval.

28.8.08 VS.

(6) Issued 29-8-08

2 To the D.G of Police + the Dt. Magistrates of districts —

No G. 1496-504 92-9-'08 — 7ds

Copy of the Labour Comm^rs ~~of~~ letter + requests them to Communicate their opinion on the matter referred

3 114 of 11-9-08 from D. C. Tumkur

4 149/86 of 10-9-08 ——— Shimoga

Furnish opinion in the matter

5 Letter No S. 847 of 30th Sept^r. 08 from the Distt. Magistrate Bangalore

Requests to be furnished with a copy of the Madras Govt. Order No. 567 of 1st July 1904 and a copy of the rules relating to the system of registration adopted by the Ceylon Labour Commission.

7. These are not available here and have to be obtained from

SW 4-9-08

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| XD.1591 | the Residency. Meanwhile the Residency has sent a reminder & may the copies required by the Distt. Magistrate be got from the Residency ? Draft subd. DR 7-10-08 |
| | 9 Issue 8/3 3/10 |
| 6 | To the F. A. Resident in Mysore No. Pol. 257 of 6.10.08 — Requests that the Darbar may be furnished with copies of the Madras Govt Order No. 567 of 1.7.1904 and the rules relating to the system of registration adopted by the Ceylon Labour Commission. |
| 7 | From the Distt Magistrate Chitaldrug Distt No. 1520 of 21.10.08 — furnishes his opinion on Sl 2 above. |
| 8 | Letter No. 5577 of 27.10.08 from the F. A. Resident in Mysore — forwards copies of the orders required in Sl. 6 above. |
| | 10. The Distt. Magistrate of the Bangalore Distt wanted to have these copies (Vide Sl. 5 above). Draft forwarding subd. Draft reminder to the Officers who have not ~~yet~~ expressed their views on Sl. 2 is also put up. Subd. for orders 11. Issue 8/11 29.10.08 |
| | DR 29.10.08 VS |

Sl. 8(a). Letter No. 239 of 4/10/08 from the D. C. Mysore Distt. furnishes his opinion on Sl 2 above.

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9 ~~D.C. Bangalore Dt.~~ D.C. Bangalore Dt. G 2626 dt 4.11.08. Forwards copies of recd in Sl 8 & requests his opinion & their return at an early date

10 Letter No. S.273 of 28/30.11.08 from the D.C. Bangalore Distt.

11 Letter No. 187/S. of 12.12.08 from the D.C. Hassan Distt.

11(a) Letter No. 219 of 23.12.08 from the D.C. Kadur Distt

12 Letter No. 3570/357 of 29 12/08 from the D.G. of Police in Mysore

} Submit their opinion re: recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon.

12 ✓ The Dy. Commr of the Kadur Distt states that 'there is no such recruitment of labour in any of the Taluks of this Distt, nor have any agents come into the Distt for that purpose'.

Sl 11(a) ✓

13 May this be considered to be the D.C's opinion on Sl 2 or a fresh reply obtained by addressing the D.C again?

No further reference is necessary

The agents will naturally come to all parts of Mysore after this Govt's ~~reply~~ opinion is made known to the Ceylon Labour Commn thro' the Residency; ~~and the D.C. to be asked to express his views on the subject~~

It is a question for consideration if

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the information now furnished by the D.C. Kadur distt may be regarded as his opinion.

The case will be re-submitted for orders finally, on receipt of the report from the D.C. Kolar distt. who was reminded demi-officially on 30.12.08

SDR 6-1-09. VS

It The case might be worked up & the Kolar D.C's report need not be awaited.

(15) In the enclosure to the first Resn letter reference is made to some interference on the part of the Bangalore police with the recruiting agent. There is no reference to this in the Bangalore D.C's letter (Sl 10) Please write to D.C Bangalore to state report about the matter.

VS 6/1/09

16. A draft to D.C. Bangalore is put up. The case will be re-submitted for orders after the issue of the draft.

SDR 7.1.09 VS

17 Issue VS 7/1/09

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13 To the D.S.P. Mapte Bangalore No. G. 3949 dt. 30-1-09
With ref. to the correspondence ending with Sl. 10
calls for a report regarding the interference on the
part of the Bangalore Police with the recruiting
agent referred to in the enclosure thereto, and
enquires whether any report was made to the
Police and what action was taken thereupon.

14 Letter No. 4252/161 of 6/7.1.09 from the Distt
Magistrate Kolar Distt —— Furnishes his
opinion regarding recruitment of labour
in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon.

18. A dft reply to the Residency is subd
SR 12.1.09 (Based mainly on Sls 3, 10 & 11).

VS 19. Await reply to Sl. 13.

GBB 12/1/09

15 Letter No. S. 346 dated 12/15th Jan 1909 from
the Dy. Comm.r Bangalore Distt ——
Submits the report called for in Sl 13
regarding the interference on the part
of the Bangalore Police with the recruiting
agent of the Ceylon Labour Commn.

~~The dft already put up is slightly~~
(20) An addition is made to the dft
already put up & (Resubd.

~~Subd~~
SR 16.1 VS (21) Please put up a copy of the
Indian Emigration Act. GBB 18/1/09



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4/8 Secretariat says that the Gazette has been sent up as referee in some other connection & sent to Branch II; and that a search is being made for the same. It will be sent on receipt of copy)

5/8 VS 12/1

(1) Put up fair draft as revised

X (2) Get copy of Calcutta Gazette containing objects & reasons & discussions on Indian Emigration Bill separately for further consideration of Govt.

CBB 21/1/09

submd

VS

The draft reply may be approved & issued.

The question of regulating recruitment may be further considered separately.

CBB 22/1/09

11 Aug (above) (25) Seen) Draft may be approved. Desire

25-1-09

Draft approved

26 Issue the clean draft, which I have slightly altered to make it conform to the rough draft approved by Desire

29-1-09

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To the F.A. Resident no. Pol. 609 dt 30-1-09.

Communicates the result of the enquiries made regarding the alleged interference by the Police with the recruiting agent Muckthi Ahmed Ibrahim Saib. and observing that cases of the kind are unfrequent states that it has been suggested that persons recruited for service in Ceylon should be registered before mistrate authorities in Mysore and that the action proposed to be taken in the matter will be only in the case

(27) Subd. with the copy of the Ft. St. George Gazette (Supplement, July to Decr 1881) containing the Statt of Objects & Reasons re: the Indian Emigration Act, as per orders on the last page.

SDA 8-2-09 VS

(28) The question now is whether it is desirable to place some sort of restrictions on free recruitment of labour in Mysore for work in the Ceylon plantations.

(29) The Dy. of Police is opposed to any action simply on the ground that there is no restriction in Madras. But some of the Deputy Commissioners (e.g. of Shimoga, Hassan, Chitaldrug etc) are in favour of making some sort of registration necessary. Mr Bowring

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by the Deputy Commr of Kolar. it is only recently that the recruiting agents are Extending their operations into My me Territory and I am not sure if it is going on on a sufficiently large Scale to justify legislation I would therefore propose that the Deputy Commr may be asked to keep an Eye on the Situation and to report to Govt, say once a quarter or half yearly, as to whether recruitment is Extending

In Case it does, it is most desirable that legislation Should be undertaken to protect our ignorant Coolies from being lured away under false pretences and also to see that they are physically fit to reside and in a foreign land under different Climatic and other Conditions.

13.2.09. Sd

Secretary.

I do not think the Dy Commr will be able to get any accurate figures about the emigrants unless the recruiting agents are asked to supply the information

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| 17 | From the F. A. Resident No. 1737 of 19-3-09. ~~Forwards~~ With reference ~~to the above~~ Sl. 16 above, forwards copy of letter of 9-3-09 from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly, stating that emigration to Ceylon is free and does not come under the Indian Emigration Act & that no compulsion whatever is used & Coolies are allowed to return to their villages if they refuse to proceed even at the last moment. |
| (31) | Submitted<br>VS<br>20/3/09. |

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32 I have had the subject under consideration for a considerable time, and think that at present there is no need for legislation on the subject. From the reports of the Deputy Commrs it is seen that except to a very small extent in Mysore & Bangalore ~~the~~ recruitment for work in Ceylon is not carried on in the State.

33. So far as British India is concerned ~~Ceylon is to~~ there is no restriction on emigration to Ceylon. In the discussion on the Indian Emigration Act XVI of 1883 Sir C. Ilbert said, "Ceylon may for emigration purposes be dealt with as if it were part of British India, & it is not necessary to place any special restrictions on emigration to that island".

34 It is seen that emigration acts in British India were passed only after emigration to certain places was largely in vogue & certain evils of unregulated emigration demanded a remedy. So far as Mysore & Ceylon are concerned emigration is at present very limited & no inconveniences ~~have~~

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intimate to the Durbar the names of the Agents & recruiters ~~working~~ employed by the Commr, & we may instruct the Diplomatic & Police officers to keep a record of any disputes & other noticeable facts occurring in connection with such emigration.

37. In the course of some years the materials thus gathered will enable the Durbar to judge whether any legislation is necessary

38. Please put up a draft to Resy on above lines

Hbj
6/5/10

39 Draft submitted.
VS Lun
16-5-10.

40. Please put up fair draft as revised.
Hbj
16/5/10.

41 Subd with a fair draft.
VS Lun 17/5
16-5-10 (Sealing)

Hbj
17.5.10

Dewan

Please put up a copy of the letter within recently received

Hbj
18/5/10

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put up 16/6
- file Circular
Q. No 530/10

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Complaints of improper recruitment & on representation & the Residency on the subject (44) Gls Arrizabalaga & an Interpreter left Chin Hills without meeting till recruitment assumes large proportions with the attendant evils also assuming large proportions (45) Please submit a precis of the Minutes of Dy Sec and Circulate & Consult

~~Asstt Secy~~
U Secy V
46 for a precis
M 8/8/08

A precis is put up
Secretary)
M 16/8/08

47. Second Councillor's note dated 11-8-10 since received separately is attached below.

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17-8-10.

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## Note

(48) Yesterday morning, while going from Malleswaram, I saw a company of 50 Vaddas or more consisting of men women & children, squatting in front of the Police Station near Seshadripuram.

On enquiry, I learnt that they had come from Chennagiri & had been brought by a man named Sankarasetti, who had paid them an advance of some 5 Rupees ahead and represented to them that they would be paid at the rate of a rupee a day for working in Ceylon. They said that they had been informed after coming to Bangalore that all this was very exaggerated and that they had been deceived.

(49) Near this Police Station, there is a large sign board in a house, with the legend "Ceylon labour Commission" on it. As it appears that the recruiting of coolies is going on on an appreciable scale within the State, it is, I think in-

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cumbent on Government to take steps that any of the subjects of this State should not be taken away to other Countries on false hopes being held out to them &c. These same men complained to me that the recruiting Master had made them sell all their cattle a Carlo, in fact had himself sold it all by auction for very inadequate prices.

(50) I would suggest that the District Magistrates be asked to direct Taluk or other Magistrates to interview such gangs and to ask each person whether he knows the terms offered, and is going willingly. They may also see if when Minors are being taken, their parents or guardians are with them & have given their Consent. I believe there are some legislative enactments in force on the subject in India The Leg. Dept



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(Dists 12 nos)

Opinions of Dt Commissioners on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, by the Ceylon Labour Commission.

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Bangalore ... The Dt Comr thinks that it is desirable that the recruiting agent should be required to take the coolies with the knowledge of the local magistrates, to prevent any misrepresentation or undue influence being practised by the low paid agents on the ignorant labouring classes

Kolar ... In the D.C's opinion it is very desirable and highly expedient that the local authorities should get into touch with the emigrating coolies not only to ascertain that the terms of the employment are fully understood, but also to satisfy themselves that they do not leave the country for ulterior reasons, such as local complications Criminal or otherwise. The govt should control the emigration of their subjects for work outside

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the State

Tumkur. The D.C. is not in favour of allowing recruiting Agents to go about actively persuading people to go over to Ceylon, as that is bound to give room to complaints of undue influence &c. The Labour Commr. should notify publicly his requirements & the terms offered and receive applications from intending ~~applicants for~~ emigrants.

Mysore. The D.C. considers that registration is desirable in the interest both of the Ceylon Labour Commission and the Mysore Govt. He does not explain himself clearly, though he says, it would be a great help to the Police if the names & residences of the Coolies are registered before the Emg. Authorities with a view to easily identify them in case of need.

Hassan. The D.C. (who is strongly supported by his Dy. Supdt.) is of opinion that, in order to afford protection to orphans and minors, it is desirable to require registration of the Coolies before the local Magte.

Shimoga. The D.C. says he has seen how coolies are transhipped to

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and from Ceylon and are employed on some estates, and considers that registration before Magistrates is very desirable in order that we may be sure that they go with their eyes open.

Kadur. The D.C. says there is no recruitment of coolies for Ceylon in the District. He does not give any opinion the question raised of need for controlling emigration

Chitaldroog. The D.C. states that the Recruiting Agents may with advantage be required to give a list of the emigrants to the local Amildar Magistrate, and that it is desirable that finger impressions of the coolies should be taken & kept for Police Record, as it will facilitate their identification in case they assume different names in the Colony.

The Insp-Genl of Police states that as to coolies recruited from the Madras Residency for labour in Ceylon are not registered, he is not at present prepared to recommend the introduction of any system

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of registration in this Province.

It will thus be seen that all the Dy Commrs of all Dts, except the DC of Kadur who has not expressed any opinion, are in favour of taking some measures for controlling the emigration of Mysore Coolies to Ceylon at the instance of the Ceylon Labour Commission. The Dy Comrs of Mysore & Chitaldroog have not dwelt on the need for control from the point of view of the Coolies interests, but from the help it would afford to the Police. The other Dy Comrs have expressed themselves decidedly for action, as a measure of protection for the Coolies.

The Insp-Genl of Police is alone in considering that no action for the Control of emigration is necessary but it has to be observed that he has not discussed the questions at any length and has only based his opinion on the law in force in the Madras Presidency.

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16/8/10

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(53) Subd with a draft circular as directed above and a précis required in para 45 above.

DR 17.8.10 (Secretary) VS

(54) In connection with the issue of the draft Circular, attention is also invited to the legal point raised by the Resident in his letter of the 17th re recruitment of certain persons in the respect of the Hassan Taluq (File 53-10) placed below.

MM 18/8/10

(55) A draft circular to Dt Magistrates & also a draft letter to the P.A.R are put up. The legal point referred to is not of much importance. If young boys under 14 or girls under 16 are induced to emigrate without the consent of their parents or guardians an offence under the Indian Penal code (363 I.P.C) would be committed, but as regards other persons no offence would be committed according to the present laws. The question is one of, however, of making a new law. The drafts may be approved.

Swaran

Drafts approved. Please take the 2nd Councils approval also before issue.

CMS 24/9/10

MM

8075 24.9.10

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| 3989/1908-9 | 4/11/10 |
| 100 | The drafts may be issued.<br>I am afraid the Assam Labour Law is too complicated for us and that many of its provns are superfluous so far as our action is concerned. We may however consider the subject fully when legislation has to be undertaken.<br>I have made a slight alteration (in pencil) in the draft of the circular.<br>8/11/10<br>Issue. (Put up clean copies of the drafts on the file)<br>9/11/10 |

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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| 21. | To |

All the District Magistrates
& Inspector-General of Police

No. G. 2929-37 d. 14th. Nov. 1910.

Considering that necessary steps should be taken, pending the adoption of legislation on the subject of ~~emigration~~ emigration, to safeguard the interests of the ignorant labourers etc, requests the District magistrates to issue instructions to Subordinate magistrates in their districts requiring them to interview gangs of coolies collected for recruitment by the Ceylon Labour Commission Agency office & other similar bodies, for ascertaining some information re the terms of the Commission etc, requests the District magistrate, Bangalore to depute a magistrate to visit the Ceylon Labour Comm^r Agency office occasionally for ascertaining certain matters, and ~~requests~~ directs the I. G. of Police to issue instructions to subordinate police officers to render all possible help to all magistrates local as well as otherwise, for the due

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| | discharge of their duties |
| 22 | To the H.A. Resident in Mysore. No Pol. 440 d-14.11.10. States that the Durbar would like to collect such facts as are available re the recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon before framing suitable legislation somewhat on the lines of the Indian Emigration Act, and so, forwards a copy of a Circular no: A 2929-37/Gm. 94-08-21 d 14th Novr 1910. addressed to the District Magistrates of the State & requests that the Labour Commissioner may be kindly asked to forward extracts from registers of recruits enlisted by them once a quarter or half year, as also the names of the agents & recruiters employed by the Commission |

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| 25 | To Dt Magte & SP. of Police. No. Cr 6610-8 dy 16. 5. 11. |
| | Forwards copy of the letter ~~of~~ from the Ceylon Labour Commr., Trichinopoly, ref? to in the above. |

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GPB—50,000—12-8-10

Pol: 239
22-8-08

D930 No. 4375 Ceylon.

FROM

P. L. MOORE, ESQ., I. C. S.,
OFFG. FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To G.M.F. 94-08-1

The Dewan of Mysore.

*Dated Bangalore, 22nd August 1908.*

SIR,

I am directed to forward, herewith, a copy of a letter dated the 8th August 1908 from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly, on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, and to request that the Resident may be favoured with the views of the Durbar in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg: First Assistant Resident.

S.I.

Letter dated 8th August 1908 from the Commissioner, Ceylon Labour Commission, Trichinopoly.

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I have the honour to bring to your notice that I have appointed an Agent in Nanjangud in connection with the recruiting of coolies for the Estates of Ceylon and that the said Agent, Mr. Minakshisundramier while in Bangalore was examined by the Police who I understand have addressed the District Magistrate with a view to insisting on all coolies being registered before a Magistrate.

I have the honour to inform you that the Ceylon Labour Commission is controlled by the Ceylon Planters Association, supported by the Ceylon Government, and acknowledged by the Government of Madras, vide Order No.557 dated 1st July 1904 and has been formed with the object of facilitating the recruiting of coolies for Ceylon and to protect coolies emigrating to that Colony.

As Emigration to Ceylon does not come under the Indian Emigration Act I have the honour to request that you will address the Government of Mysore on the subject and request them to issue the necessary instructions to the Police not to interfere with my authorized Agents.

I may mention that the system of registration adopted by the Ceylon Labour Commission has frequently enabled the Police

to trace criminals and that the Police are always given every possible assistance.

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C o p y.

N. S. Tirumalai Aiyangar

R e g i s t r a r.

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*Diary No. of letter replied to* _____

No. G. 1496-504
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General and Revenue Secretariat
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To
The D.G. of Police,
The D.t Magistrates.

Date of issue 2.9.08

Signed by Mr. S.P. Rajagopalachar

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter dy 8.8.08 from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for ~~Planters~~ plantations in Ceylon, and to request that you will kindly favour this office with your opinion on the matter.

I have etc

~~For~~ Secy to Govt

*over.*

To Typing Sec.
Please copy flag T

Draft
29.8.08.

Issued
7.9.08

SUBJECT.

V/W/129 190 D-1212

From
The Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To
The Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Depts

Dated 11th September 1905.

Despatched

Received

General No. 114
No.

Enclosure No.

G.W.F. 94-08-3

Furnishing opinion
on the subject precruit-
ment of labour in Mysore
for plantations in Ceylon

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Trunkur District
Dated the 11th September 1908.

From

K. Doraswami Iyer Esq.
Deputy Commissioner
Trunkur District

To. K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esq BA. BL
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore General and Revenue
Department

Sir, In answer to your letter no 9496-504 / Gen 96-082, dated 2nd instant, forwarding copy of letter from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly, and asking my opinion thereon, I have the honor to state that it should suffice for the Ceylon Labour Commission to notify publicly the kind of labour they require, the wages they are prepared to pay, the climatic and other conditions of the place where the men are to work, conveniences in the way of accommodation, medical help &c and all other terms and conditions of the engagement. They might also

mention in this notice an address at which applications in person and by letter would be received. They might leave it to the labouring classes to apply or not. I am not in favor of allowing recruiting agents to go about actively persuading people to go over to Ceylon for that is bound to cause influences of kinds to come into play and lead to complaints from the parents and other relatives of the intending recruits.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
D Srinivasagam
for Deputy Commissioner

DRD

G. M. 94-08-14

D. 1213

1908

From K. Chandy Esquire, Ag
District Magistrate
Shimoga

To K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer
Esq. BA BL
Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Depart

Dated
Despatched 10th September 1908

Received

General No. 1149

No. 86.

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Adverting to his letter No. 9/1496-504/G. M. 94-08-2 dated 2nd Instt thinks that it is very desirable that all coolies should be registered before a Magistrate in order that they go with their beiges open. we may be advised that

No. 149/86.

District Magistrate's Court
Shimoga, 6th September
1908

From,

K. Chandy Esquire, B.A.
District Magistrate
Shimoga

To,

K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esquire, Ba, BL
Secretary to Government
General and Revenue Departments

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No. 9/1496-504/G.M. 94-08-2 dated 2d. Instant on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, I have the honor to state that I have seen how coolies are transhipped to and from Ceylon and are employed on some Estates and have also learnt facts from those that have been in Ceylon. I think that it is very desirable that all coolies should be registered before a Magistrate in order that we may be sure that they go with their eyes open.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

K Chandy
In District Magistrate
Shimoga

Ok

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From

The Dist. Magistrate
Bangalore Dist.

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras
Gen. Revs. Dept.

Dated 30.

Despatched September 1908.

Received

General No.

5 No. 147

Enclosure No.

G.M.794-08-5

His No. G 1496-504 of
G.M. 94.08.2
the 2nd Instant.

Requests to forward for reference a copy of Madras Govt. order & that of Rules relating to the System of registration adopted by the Ceylon Labor Commission..

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S. 16.

Bangalore District
Dist. Magistrate's Office
30th September 1908.

From

B. J. Kumaraswami Naik Esq.
B. A.
Dist. Magistrate.
Bangalore Dist.

To K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esq.
B. A. B. L.
Secretary to the Govt of Mysore
Gen. rules. Dept 8.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No- G 1496-504 dated the 2nd instant, G. M 94.08.2 forwarding a copy of a letter dated 8th August 1908, from the Ceylon Labor Commissioner, Drieberg, on the subject of recruitment of labor in Mysore and requesting me to favor you with my opinion in the matter etc, I have the honor to request you to be so good as to send me a copy of the Madras Govt. order

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No 567 dated 1st July 1904,
and a copy of the rules relating
to the system of registration
adopted by the Ceylon Labor
Commission to enable me to
reply to your letter under
acknowledgment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,
Superintendent.

To
The Dist. Magistrate
Mtj

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G.R.S. 26]

G.M. File No. 94 of 08
Serial No. 6.

*Diary No. of letter replied to* _____

No. Pol 254

General and Revenue Secretariat
( )
, *the* 190 .

To The J.A. Resident in Mysore

Date of issue 6/10/1908

Signed by Undersecretary

Sir

With reference to your letter No. 4375 dated the 22nd Aug. 1908 and reminder No. 5122 of 30th Sept. 1908 on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, I am directed ~~to forward herewith~~ to request that copies of the Madras Govt. Order No. 567 of 1st July 1904 and the

over

SUBJECT.

rules relating to the system of registration adopted by the Ceylon Labour Commission may be kindly sent for the information of the Darbar ~~and~~ to enable them to express their views in the matter.

I have &c.

for 3/10 Secy. to Govt.

DR
2.10.08.

*List of enclosures.*

*Copied by*

*Examined by*

MGCPB—30,000—16-2-05

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Office of the District Magistrate
Chitaldrug District
Dated 21st October 1908

From No 152

M. Chengiah Chetty Esquire B.A.
District Magistrate.
Chitaldrug District.

To K. S. Chendrasekara Iyer Esqr. B.A. B.L.
Secretary to the Government
of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No G 1496-504/G.M.94-08-2 dated 2nd September 198, I have the honor to state that the Agents deputed by the Labour Commission for the purpose of recruiting coolies for the Estates of Ceylon, may, with advantage, be required to give a list of those who emigrate into Ceylon to the Amildar Magistrates from whose jurisdiction they proceed.

2. It is also desirable that finger impressions of all such emigrants should be taken and sent to the local Police for record. This will facilitate their identification if necessary, in case they assume different names in the colony.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

District Magistrate

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From. The District Magistrate
Chittalong District

To The Secretary to the
Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore
General & Revenue Department
Bangalore

Dated 21st
Despatched 22nd October 1908
Received

General No. 152
No.

Enclosure No.

G. M. F 94-08-7

Submitting certain proposals in regard recruitment of Labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon by the Agents of Ceylon Labour Commission.

D 1787 13

Letter dated the 17th October 1908 from the Assistant Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly, to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore. G.M.J 94 of 08-8

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In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, I am directed by the Commissioner to enclose copy of the Madras Government Order No.567 dated 1st July 1904 for your information.

With reference to the system of registration adopted by the Ceylon Labour Commission it is as follows:-

Estates in Ceylon requiring labour send over Kanganies (Recruiting Maistries) with A. Forms (Enc: "a"). On arrival at Trichy they are registered in a book (Enc: "b") paid any advance that may be stated in the A Form and directed to one of my Agencies. On arrival at an Agency they are registered in a Kangany Register Book (Enc: "c") given a Recruiting Certificate (Enc:"d") and sent out to recruit, when required being introduced to the recruiters appointed by the Commission and to whom a Ceylon Labour Commission License has been granted (Enc: "e"). On the Kangany producing coolies at an Agency he is paid according to the instructions given in the A Form and a pronote for the amount (Enc: "f") is taken from him in favour of the Superintendent of the Estate.

From the Coolies pronotes are taken (Enc:"g") for railfare and batta in favour of the Kangany and these pronotes are entered in detail in the cooly Register Book (Enc:"h") and the coolies are despatched to Ceylon.

The last named register (Enc:"h") is an important one as by its aid I have frequently been of assistance to the Police.

The Emigration is free and unindentured and a cooly is at perfect liberty to return to India whenever he pleases always provided he first repays any sum that has been advanced him.

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The Resident's Office,
Bangalore, 27th October 1908.

No. 5577 Enc 9

Bal: 5-5-9. Copy of the foregoing letter together with the enclosur

enclosures received therewith, is forwarded to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, as desired in Mr. Chandrasekhara Iyer's letter No. 254 dated the 6th October 1908.

T. Cyn (and)

First Assistant Resident.

S.I.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT
of
MADRAS

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Colombo dated 20th June 1904:-

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-chief of this Island to introduce to your notice Mr.Norman Rowsell.

2. Mr.Rowsell has been engaged for some considerable time as a Tea Planter in this Island and has now been deputed by his fellow Planters to visit and to reside for a time in the Madras Presidency as a Commissioner charged with the duty of Supervising and assisting the business of the Kanganies who are sent from here to recruit labour for the purpose of Estates and other such undertakings in Ceylon.

3. I am to call your attention to the fact that no change in the system of recruiting hitherto carried on from Ceylon is intended by the nomination of this Labour Commissioner; and Mr. Rowsell's duties will consist in receiving from Ceylon money intended for advances to labourers, in properly disbursing this money to the Kanganies and others entitled to receive it, and in assuring himself that the labourers who are engaged properly understand the terms of their engagement.

4. I am to state that this Government will feel much obliged if you will, with the permission of his Excellancy the Governor of Madras, be so good as to cause Mr.Rowsell to be afforded such facilities as may assist him in his mission.

5. A copy of this letter has been handed to Mr.Rowsell who will present it to you.

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O R D E R:- No.567, dated 1st July 1904.

Communicated to all Collectors who will be requested to render Mr.Rowsell such assistance as may be possible in carrying out his mission.

(True Extract)

(Sd) A. y. g. Campbell

for Chief Secretary.

To

Norman Rowsell Esquire.

All Collectors.

His Majesty's Consul for Pondicherry and Karaikal.

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[C.L.C. 5 6—1—08]

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Tin Ticket No. .....

..... Estate, (Tamil Name) .....

Hd. Kangany ..... Sub-Kangany .....

Cooly ..... Son of / Daughter of .....

Age ..... Caste ..... Village .....

Taluk ..... District .....

Post Town ..... Railway Station .....

Advised on .....

Arrived on ..... with letter / a form dated .....

Rs. ..... Paid as Preliminary advance.

Tin Ticket No. .....

தகர டிக்கட்டு நெ. .....

# CERTIFICATE.

## நிச்சய பத்திரம்.

Ref. No. .....

*Head Kangany* .....

## Ceylon Labour Commission.

**TRICHINOPOLY.**

## இலங்கை வேலையாட்கள் கமி

திரு

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... *ngany, son of* .....

*Caste* ... *illage* ..... *Taluq*

*District,* ... *for the* .....

*Estate,* .....

... தாலூகா ..... கிராமம்

... கங்காணி

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Thumb ma...

*Ceylon Labour Co...*

இலங்கை லேபர் கமீஷ...

வலது கை பெருவிரல் குறி.

*This Certificate is valid up to* ..... *190* ..... மீது ... வரையில் ... பத்திரம் 190... இது

[C. L. C 4. 5—5—08.]

When making subsequent payments, thumb impressions should be taken and compared.

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# CERTIFICATE.

License No. 4

## CEYLON LABOUR COMMISSION, TRICHINOPOLY.

This is to authorise ..... son of

..... residing in .....

street ..... Taluq ..... District to recruit

labour for Ceylon in the District of ..... as recruitor

under the Agent of the Ceylon Labour Commission at .....

2. Coolies recruited under this are not to be passed to any other depot.

3. This Certificate will be in force up to .....

CEYLON LABOUR COMMISSION,
TRICHINOPOLY,
Dated .....

.....
Ceylon Labour Commissioner.

ST. J. C. PRESS, TRICHY.

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1908-09

From

The Protector of Immigrants
Natal

To

The Secretary to the Govt.
of Mysore, Genl & Rev Dept.
Bangalore

Dated 29/6
Despatched } October
Received 1908

General No. 239 D 1847
No.

Enclosure No.

G.M. 794 of 08 - 8(a)

Submitting
opinion in re the
matter of recruit-
ment of labour
in Mysore &c'

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No.
Enc. No.

OFFICE OF THE ... D. Commissioner

MYSORE DISTRICT,

Dated Mysore Camp 29th October 1908.

To

K. Seshadrachariar Esq., B. A. B.L.

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. G 1496-504 dated G.M. 96-08-2 and September 1908, requesting my opinion in the matter of recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, I have the honour to state that the Agent of the Ceylon Labour Commission in Bangalore, has been recruiting labour for the past few months and the

the Police of that place have
not been in any way
interfering with them.
It would be a great help
to the Police if the names and
residences of Coolies permit-
-ed for work in the Europe
Plantations are registered
before the Tamil authorities
with a view to easily identify
the persons in case of need.
I am of opinion that registra
-tion is desirable in the
interests of both the European
Labour Community and
the Singapore Government

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant
G Ebbelbar

for Dr Stanley Macfarlane
Singapore Dr Stanley

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1908

From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To The Distt. Magistrate
Bangalore Distt.

Dated
Despatched } 4.11.08
Received

General No. G 26 26
Jm No. 94—08—9.
Enclosure No. 10

As desired in his letter No. S. 147 of the 30th Septr 1908, has the honour to forward herewith copies of letter of 17th Octr 1908 from the Asst. Ceylon Labour Commr, Trichinopoly, and Madras Govt. Order No. 567 of the 1st July 1904 together with the enclosures (in original) therein referred to and to request that the information required in this office letter No. G.1496—504 of the 2nd Septr. 1908 may be furnished at a very early date, as a reminder has been read from the Residency.

*To be returned with the reply.

B.O.
For Secy to Govt.

29/10

29.10.08

MGCPD—20,000—16-2-05.

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1908-09

From
The District Magistrate
Bangalore District

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
General & Revenue Department

Dated 28th November 1908

Despatched 30th

Received

General No.
S No. 273

Enclosure No. 1 file

G. M. 94 of 08-10

Secretary's letter No
1496-506, dated 2nd Septr 1908.
G. Ms. 94-08-2

Furnishing opinion on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon.

Ser° 273 28
available

Office of the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

Dated Bangalore, 28th November 1908.

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From

B. J. Kumaraswamy Naik Esquire B.A.,

District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

To

K. S. Chendrasekhara Aiyar Esquire B.A.,B.L.,

Secy.to the Govt.of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.1496-504/G.M. 94-08-2 dated the 2nd September 1908, requesting me to give my opinion on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for Plantations in Ceylon, I have the honor to state that it is desirable that the recruiting agent should be required to take the coolies to work in the plantations of Ceylon with the knowledge of the Local Magistrates to prevent any misrepresentation or undue influence being practised by the low paid agents on the ignorant labouring coolies.

The enclosures received with your letter No.G.2026/G.M.94-08-9 dated 4th November 1908 are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N Venkatarama Iyer

for District

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Letter dated the 17th October 1908 from the Assistant Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly, to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

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"Copy"

By order

For Secretary to Govt

Public Department.

Government of Madras.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

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3. I am to call your attention to the fact that no change in the system of recruiting hitherto carried on from Ceylon is intended by the nomination of this Labour Commissioner, and Mr. Rowsell's duties will consist in receiving from Ceylon money intended for advances to labourers, in properly disbursing this money to the Kanganies and others entitled to receive it, and in assuring himself that the labourers who are engaged properly understand the terms of their engagement.

4. I am to state that this Government will feel much obliged if you will, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Madras, be so good as to cause Mr. Rowsell to be afforded such facilities as may assist him in his mission.

5. A copy of this letter has been handed to Mr. Rowsell who will present it to you.

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Order No. 567, dated 1st July 1904.

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Communicated to all Collectors who will be requested to render

Mr. Rowsell such assistance as may be possible in carrying out his mission.

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(True Extract)

Sd. A.Y.G.Campbell
For Chief Secretary.

To

Norman Rowsell, Esquire.
All Collectors.
His Majesty's Consul for Pondicherry and Karaikal.

"Copy"

By order,
C.S. Balasundaram
for Secretary to Govt.

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No. 187 (Encls. one) / S

District Magistrate's Court
Hassan.

Dated Hassan 12th December 1908

From,

P. R. W. Wetherall Esquire
District Magistrate
Hassan.

To,

K. S. Chandrasekara Iyer Esquire
B.A. B.L.
Secretary to the Govt.
of H. H. the Maharaja of
Mysore.
Legal & Rev. Departments Bangalore

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No. G. 1496-58
G.M. 94-08-2
dated 2nd September 1908 enclosing a
Copy of letter dated 5th August 1908
from the Ceylon Labour Commission
Trichinopoly on the subject of
recruitment of labour in the Mysore
State, I have the honor to enclose a
Copy of letter No. 242 Mis dated 18th Dec.
1908 received from the Assistant
Superintendent of Police, Hassan
District, (whose opinion I invited
on

No. 14/11 D. No. 2480

1908 07 C-

From

P. K. W. Wellenall Esquire
District Magistrate
Hassan.

To

R. S. Chandrasekara Iyer
Esq. B.A. B.L.
Secretary to the Govt. of
H. H. the Maharaja
of Mysore.

Dated

Despatched

Received

General No. 187

No. S

Enclosure No. One

Subject

Recruitment of labor
for Ceylon in the Mysore
State.

G.M. 794 of 08-11

On the subject), and to state that even apart from a Police point of view in the escape of offenders as emigrant Coolies, I am of opinion that in order to afford protection to orphans and minors, (especially in the case of girls for an obvious reason) it would be desirable to require registration of all emigrant Coolies before the Magistrate having jurisdiction in the locality from which they are taken.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant

D. M. Fetherall

District Magistrate
& Assam

1908 99.

From
S. Narayana Rao Esq
Distt: Superintendent of Police
Hassan Distt.

To
F. R. W. Wellerall Esqr
District Magistrate, Hassa

Dated 18th Oct: 08.
Despatched
Received

General No. 2612.
No. his

Enclosure No. Nil -

Sir,

In acknowledging
receipt of your letter No
82 dated 14.9.08 re the
recruitment of labourers
in Mysore for plantation
in Ceylon, I have the
honour to state that I
cannot understand
how the labour agent
is in connection with
registering the Coolies
before a Magistrate
2. In this letter of the 8th
August 08, the Commissioner
Ceylon Labour Commission
refers to a system

registration adopted by the Ceylon Labour
Commission, and states that it has frequently
enabled the Police to trace criminals &c.
What that system of Registration is I do not
know. We, as Police, should naturally be
anxious to watch the Course of recruitment
for various reasons. There may be instances
in which Minors might be induced to leave
their homes for distant Ceylon. Unless there
be some wholesome check, the agents may
be tempted to act arbitrarily and illegally
Appearance before a Magistrate cannot
certainly interfere with the Course of re-
cruitment. All that we desire to know is that
amongst the Coolies recruited, there are not
dangerous characters, and, above all,
Minors and Orphans, whose interests it
is our duty to safe-guard, are not at the
mercy of recruiting agents.

3. I am unable to give any definite
opinion unless and until I know the system
of registration referred to by the Ceylon
Labour Commissioners, and how we, Police,
are enabled to trace Criminals thereby

4.

4. The letter of the Commissioner, it will be kindly observed, is also silent as to how the minors and orphans are dealt with.

I have &c.

/Signed/ S. Narayan Rao.

Asstt: Superintendent of Police
Hassan District.

"Copy"

P.M. Wetherall

District Magistrate
Hassan

V Dis/12 DR D. No. 2681

1908

From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Chikmagalur 23rd December 0

Despatched

Received

General No. 219

No.

Enclosure No. —

G. M. 7 94 of 08 — 11(a)

Reporting that no recruitment of labour for plantations in Ceylon could be found in any of the Talugs of the Kadur District.

Offie of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District,

Dated, Chikmagalur, 23rd December 08.

From,

K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esquire, M.A.
Deputy Commissioner.
Kadur District

To,

K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer, Esquire, B.A. B.L.
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 1496—504 / G.M. 94-08-2 dated 2nd September last, regarding the recruitment of labour for plantations in Ceylon, I have the honor to state that the Assistant Superintendent of Police to whom a reference had been made on the subject reports that there is no such recruitment of labour in any of the Talugs of this District, nor have any agents come into the District for that purpose.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

G. Hanumanta Rao

for Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

D. No. 2712

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No. 3510/357

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

*Dated Bangalore.* 29th December *1908*.

From D. Devaraj Urs Esquire,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. G.1496-504/G.M.94-08-2 dated 2-9-1908, I have the honor to state that coolies recruited from the Madras Presidency for labour in Ceylon are not being registered and as such I am not at present prepared to recommend the introduction of any system of registration in this Province.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Lakshmandas

SR

for Inspector General of Police.

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From

The Inspector-General of
Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Gen. and Rev. Depts.

G.M. 794 of 1912

Dated 29th

Despatched 29th December 1908

Received

General No. 3570
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Enclosure No.

Submitting opinion re the recruitment of labour in mysore for the plantations in Ceylon.

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From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To

The Distt. Magistrate
Bangalore Distt

Dated
Despatched } 8th January 09
Received

General No. G. 3949
No. Gm 96-08-13
Enclosure No.

Sir

8/10 With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. S. 273 dated the 28th Nov. 08 on the subject of the recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, I am directed to invite your attention to this Office letter No. G. 1496-504/G.M.94 of 08-2 of 2nd Sept. 1908 and

8/2 to request you to furnish, before within the 15th inst, a report regarding the interference on the part of the Bangalore Police

with the recruiting
agent, ~~mentioned~~ referred to in
the enclosure thereto. I am to request to be informed
whether the police made any
I have &c. reference as therein & if
so what action was taken
in the case.

for Secy to Govt.

DR
7.1.

VS.

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4. It is of common repute how a very large number of coolies from the bordering Tamil Districts, South Canara and Malabar, annually flow into our State for the mining and planting industries and even for ordinary work on our roads or other Public Works. Under these circumstances, it is very desirable and highly expedient that the local authorities should get into touch with the emigrating coolies not only to ascertain that the terms of the employment are fully understood by the more ignorant among them but also to satisfy themselves that they do not leave the country for ulterior reasons such as local complications, criminal or otherwise, in which case judicial processes would at once become tardy and cumbrous, entailing protracted delay in the administration of justice.

5. I have further to submit that though the Emigration Act of 1883 as has been pointed out by Mr. Rowsell excludes expressedly Ceylon from its operations, its provisions would seem to extend only to British India and not for regulating recruitment of labour in Native States for employment out of British India. There is therefore nothing to restrict the right of Government to control the emigration of their subjects for work outside the State or British India to examine the terms of the recruitment and the conditions of labour proposed to be offered.

x Vide cl. 1 Sec. 6 of Article XXI of 1883.

6. In conclusion I would invite reference to sections 12 and 26 of the Emigration Act XXI of 1883 which appears to have been based upon recognition of principles stated above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Shamanna.

For District Magistrate,

Kolar District.

D. No. 2469
1908

From

The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Genl & Rev. Departments

Dated 12th January 1909

Despatched 15th

Received

General No.

S No. 346

Enclosure No. 2

G.M. 794 of 08-15

Secretary's letter No.
G 3949 dated 8th instt.
G.M. 94-08-13

Forwards copies of memo dated 13th August 1908 from the Supdt of Police, Bangalore reporting about the conduct of the recruiting agent & also of the instructions issued to the Supdt of Police in the matter.

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Bangalore District
District Magistrate's Office
Dated 12th January 1909.

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From.

B. J. Kumarasami Naik Esquire B.A.
District Magistrate
Bangalore District.

To.

K. P. Chendrasekharam Iyer Esquire B.A.B.L.
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. G. 3949 / G.Ms.94-08-13 dated 8th January 1909, re the subject of the recruiting of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, I have the honor to forward herewith copies of Memo dated 13th August 1908 from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore, reporting about the conduct of the recruiting Agent and also of the instructions issued by me to the Superintendent of Police in the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

S/ Subbarayan
for District Magistrate
Bangalore District

Police Superintendent's Memo dated
13th August 1908.

The gang of Wadder (with a Madigar and a Holeyar) as noted in the enclosed gang form received from the Tumkur District arrived in Bangalore on the 10th instant. The gang is composed of 14 males – 13 women and 11 children, the place of Vallapi Venkata being taken by a new recruit named Sahebgadu. The members of the gang were working under Contractor T. R. Govinda Raju Mudaliar, and his Agent Mungera Mudaliar has also accompanied them as they owe advances to the Contractor. It would appear that one Meenakshi Sundaram Iyer, Agent, Ceylon Labor Commission, arranged, went to Tavarekere and induced the gang to go to Bangalore for work on a Railway line near Tuticorin and paying them an advance of Rs 25/-, of which Rs 10/- was appropriated by the Station Daffedar of Tavarekere, got a receipt executed for Rs 25/-. The Daffedar of Tavarekere marched them under a gang form accordingly. The members of the gang now say that they were brought-

subject under restraint and that the servants of the Labor commission Agent (who have no dress with them) are resisting on their going to Tuticorin. Sheikbadhan and Venkatesa both of the Ceylon Labor commission officer in Tuticorin have accompanied the gang to take the members thereof by rail. The members of the gang decline to go and are ready to pay back Rs 15/- received by them. The remaining Rs 10/- appropriated by the Daffedar for forcing the gang to recruit. Tavarajeva Nimilo has to be recovered from him through the D.S.P. Tumkur to whom I shall send a separate communication on the subject.

The gang together with the peons of the Labor commission officer and the contractor's Agents are produced before the Deputy commissioner bangalore.

I have already submitted a memo about the Agents of the Ceylon Labor commission at work in Bangalore. The above memo reveals the method adopted by the Agents in collecting recruits; I think, the Government

should be moved to issue instructions in the matter as the Immigration Act and Rules are silent about recruiting coolies for Ceylon.

Instances of the sort are every day brought to my notice and I do not see my way to force coolies to go out of Mysore against their free will. I think every recruit enlisted should be moved before the Deputy Commissioner and if the Deputy Commissioner is satisfied that the recruit is not a minor and that he is prepared to go to Ceylon for work under prescribed conditions his name might be registered and permitted to go.

The proceedings of the Agents are questionable and sometimes by bribing a S.H.O. a recruit-gang is marched off to distant places at the instance of the Agents.

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S. Subba Rampa
Jr. District Magistrate
Bangalore District

Encl

Reference:- Police Superintendent's
Memo dated the 13th August 1908.

Memo.

As the Indian Emigration Act- is not in force in the Mysore Province, no action could be taken against the recruiting Agent for the non observance of the provisions of the said Act. A reference will, however, be made to the Inspector General of Police Borders in the matter of the communication from the Superintendent regarding the method adopted by the Agent in recruiting the coolies.

If the coolies now collected by the Agent are willing to go to Ceylon, they may be permitted to leave the station under a proper pass, as required by the standing orders with regard to Vaddar and other criminal gangs, noting the fact in the Police gang and other Registers.

The Superintendent is requested to warn the subordinate Police officers that they should, under no

circumstances countenance the Agent recruiting labourers by influencing them to go with the Farmer against their will.

The gang form is herewith returned.

(Sd) B. J. Kumaraswamy Naik
Deputy Commissioner

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for District Magistrate
Bangalore District

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File No. 94-08

Serial No. 16

*Diary No. of letter replied to* _____

No. 881-609.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue _____

Signed by _____

To The J. A. Resident in Mysore

Sir

Sl 1.

With reference to his Moore's letter No. 4375 dated the 22nd August 1908 and ~~subsequent~~ reminders on the subject of the recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, I am directed to state that the Durbar are of opinion that all emigrant coolies should be registered before the Magistrate having jurisdiction in the locality from which they are recruited. This will prevent any undue influence being practised by the low paid agents on the ignorant

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As regards that in the case of alleged interference by the police with the recruiting agent, referred to in the enclosure to the letter under reply, the Durbar understand that the recruiting agent Minakshi Sundaramiyer went to Tavarageere in the Tumkur Dt and induced a gang of waddars who were working under a local contractor & ~~Dfts stock &c~~ were in debt to him, to leave his service & accept an advance from himself (Minakshisundaramiyer) and agree to go and work on a railway line near Tuticorin. It is understood that ~~Minakshisundaramiyer paid~~ an illegal gratification was paid to the local police duffedar, ~~who~~ who assisted

These gangs of criminal tribes such as the waddars are kept under a certain amount of police surveillance & it

laboring coolies.

2) The durbar think that it should suffice for the Ceylon Labour Commission to notify publicly the kind of labour they require, the wages they are are prepared to pay, the climatic and other conditions of the places where the ~~natives~~ coolies are to work, conveniences in the way of accommodation, medical aid and all other terms and conditions of the engagement. They may also mention in the notice an address at which applications would be received in person and by letter. ~~The matter ends~~ And it may then be left to the labouring classes to apply or not. The durbar are not in favour of allowing recruiting agents to go about actively persuading people to go over to Ceylon, for that is bound to cause various

under the escort of two servants of the recruiting agent

A in seeing the gang marched off to Bangalore. On arrival at Bangalore the members of the gang declined to go on to Tuticorin as ~~desired by~~ the ~~See~~ terms of the recruiting agent in the ~~boat~~ came ~~boats~~ then ~~brought~~ to the notice of the D. S. P. & the Dy Comm^r who ordered that if the men were willing to go to Ceylon they should be allowed to do so ~~but~~ that ~~they~~ ~~should not be compelled~~ no coercion should be used.

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It is reported that ~~instances~~ cases of this ~~kind~~ nature are ~~very~~ frequent occurrence & it has been suggested by the Durbar that persons ~~to~~ recruited for service in Ceylon should be registered before the ~~coolie~~ passage is granted

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authorities in Mysore.

The Durbar will further consider this suggestion and will intimate to you in due course the action proposed to be taken in the matter.

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influences to come into play and to lead to complaints from the parents and other relatives of intending emigrants.

3) As regards the interference on the part of the Bangalore Police with the recruiting Agent, referred to in the Ceylon Labour Commissioner's letter, I am to state that Mr. Manakshisundaramiyer, the agent appointed in Nanjanguda by the Ceylon Labour Commr., Trichinopoly, is reported by the Distt. Magistrate of the Bangalore Distt. to have gone to Tavaregere (Tumkur Distt.) and induced a gang of Waddars to go to Bangalore for work on a railway line by paying them an advance of Rs 25/- On the arrival of the gang in Bangalore, the servants of the said Agent are stated to have insisted on the gang to go to Tuticorin much against their will. On the above facts being brought to his notice, the District

Magistrate ~~of the Bangalore District~~ ordered in the interests of the Waddars that the gang, if willing, may be allowed to ~~emigrate~~ leave for ~~Tuticorin~~ Ceylon after the fact being noted in the Police gang and other registers; and that subordinate Police Officers should under no circumstances countenance the recruiting Agent influencing ~~the~~ labourers to emigrate against their will.

I have &c.

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To

The J. A. Resident
in Mysore

Date of issue 30-1-09.

Signed by

for H. S. Lehandmeckeran
Asst

Sir

With reference to Mr. Moore's letter No. 4375 dated the 22nd August 1908 and subsequent reminders on the subject of the recruitment of labour in Mysore for ~~plant~~ plantations in Ceylon, I am directed to state as follows regards the case of alleged interference by the police with the recruiting agent referred to in the enclosure to the letter under reply, the Durbar understand that the recruiting agent Minakshi Sundraminger went to

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to the village of Tavarekere in the Tumkur distt and induced ~~a~~ a gang of waddars who were working there under a local contractor and were in debt to him to leave his service and accept an advance from himself (Munakshisundaramiyer) ~~and agree~~ to go and work on a railway line near Tuticorin.

~~The~~ Gangs of criminal tribes such as the Waddars are kept under a certain amount of police surveillance and it is understood that a portion of the advance is appropriated ~~as illegal gratification was paid to~~ by way of illegal gratification by the local police duffedar who assisted in seeing the gang marched off to Bangalore under the escort of two servants of the recruiting agent. On arrival at Bangalore the members of the gang declined to go on to Tuticorin as the peons of the recruiting agent insisted on their doing. The dispute then

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Letter dated the 9th March 1909, from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly, to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

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In reply to your letter No. 941, dated the 13th ultimo, I have the honour to point out that the gang of coolies referred to by the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments was recruited directly by a Kangany or Maistry of Nivitigalla Estate, Ceylon, who arranged with the contractor to take the coolies to work on the Estate and an agreement was apparently drawn up between the two.

My Agent Minakshi Sundramier had nothing to do with their recruitment and simply acted as an Agent of mine and disbursed money to the Ky according to instructions from the Estate sent through me. I have the honour to point out that Emigration to Ceylon is free and does not come under the Indian Emigration Act. No compulsion whatever is used and coolies are allowed to return to their villages if they refuse to proceed even at the last moment.

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G. M. 94-08-17

No. 1737.

Mysore Resident's Office,
Bangalore, dated the 9th March 1909.

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A copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, for information, with reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Chandrasekhara Aiyer's letter No. 609. Political, dated the 30th January 1909.

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First Assistant Resident.

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Date of issue 14. 11. 10

Signed by Mr B. Ramaswamia

To

As it appears that the recruiting of Coolies for work on plantations in Ceylon has been going on, on an appreciable scale within the State, and as complaints have reached the Govt. that such coolies are led by false hopes being held out to them to emigrate [and as some instances of this kind have recently come to notice], the Govt. of His Highness the Maharaja consider it necessary that steps should be taken to safeguard

inducers on false & exaggerated ideas of their prospects in the new country

Sending the above declaration on the subject of Emigration generally

*over.*

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the interests of ignorant
labourers and ~~minors~~ especially of minors
who may be induced ~~removed to~~
to leave their homes ~~and~~ & proceed
or removed to ~~other~~ places beyond the State.
~~be removed to other Countries~~
~~under apparently alluring~~
~~prospects~~, The Distt Magistrates
are therefore requested
to issue instructions to Subordinate Magistrates in the Distt
~~Taluk and other Magistrates~~
~~calling~~ requiring upon them to
interview gangs of
~~Coolies~~ coolies that may
be collected in their
respective jurisdictions
~~localities~~ by the
Recruiting Maistries
of the Ceylon Labour
Commission, and
ascertain from each
such cooly ~~whether~~ that
he knows the terms
offered by the Maistry
and is going (willingly)
of his own free will, &
and, in case of minors, that
~~whether~~ their parents

and other Foreign Recruiting Agencies

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~~thus emigrating~~

or guardians are with them ~~must have given their consent to~~. The Local ~~Agents~~ ~~Sub-Registrars~~ & Magistrates are to be distinctly informed that it is their duty to see, so far as possible, that every emigrant cooly is fully aware of the kind of labour required of him, the wages he can get in Ceylon, the climatic and other conditions of the places where he has to work and conveniences in the way of accommodation, medical aid &c which he can obtain there. If ~~after knowing all these details~~ the ~~Cooly~~ Coolies are willing to go for work in Ceylon, ~~they~~ ~~may be permitted to go~~, ~~and not otherwise~~.

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with a full knowledge of the terms offered to them, ~~no interference need be attempted~~ they may be left free to emigrate, ~~as they please~~.

recruitment by the Magistrates

2) ~~Both Magistrates are further requested that~~ Whenever gangs ~~are~~ of labourers are taken

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away from ~~their~~ any localities without the previous Knowledge of the local magistrate and information regarding the same reaches the Dt Magte ~~them~~ after the ~~Coolies~~ Coolies are despatched to Bangalore, where an Agency Office has recently been opened in connection with Ceylon Emigration. Such Dt Magte should furnish the ~~such~~ information ~~is furnished~~ without ~~delay~~ delay to the Distt magistrate at Bangalore ~~Distt~~, who will ~~ascertain~~ from the labourers ~~concerned~~ forwarded through that agency all the particulars mentioned in para 1 above ~~and take action~~ the action required of the local magistrate.

The Dt magte of Bangalore will depute a magte from time to time to visit the Ceylon Labour Commission Agency after recently opened in Bangalore & ascertain from

3) The Inspector General of Police is requested to issue instructions to subordinate Police Officers directing them to render all possible ~~aid~~ help to the Local and other magistrates in order that the work devolving upon the latter may not be ~~done~~ rendered as detailed in paras 1 and 2 above

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difficult ~~to~~ offer accomplish ment and that prompt action ~~to~~ may be taken in each case.

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No 1878/10 Offg Secy VS

To

All Distt Magistrates the I. G. of Police in Mysore

Memo No G. 2938 d. 14-11-10
G. M. 94-08-21

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A copy of the above circular is forwarded to the Distt Magistrate Bangalore Distt with the direction that the proceedings of the Ceylon Labour Commission in Bangalore should be specially watched and from time to time examined, a report being furnished to Govt every three months subject to approval ~~half year~~ the

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The Distt Magistrate is further requested to favour Govt with a report, at an early date, as to the local agent of the Ceylon labour Commission, their methods of doing business, how many men, women and children have been sent to Ceylon till now and on what terms, the period during which the agency has been working and the field of its operations both here and in Ceylon.

D.O.

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GOVERNMENT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Pol No. 440 Gen 1.

*Dated Bangalore 14th November 1910.*

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FROM

**C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,**

**Offg.** *Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,*
*General and Revenue Departments.*

To

**P.B.Warburton, Esq., I.C.S.,**
**First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.**

SIR,

I am ~~desired~~ directed to invite reference to Mr.Chandrasekhara Aiyar's letter No.Pol.609 dated 30th January 1909 and the correspondence ending with your Endorsement No.1737 dated 19th March 1909 on the subject of recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon, and with reference to the last para of the Durbar's letter of the 30th January 1909, ~~I am directed to state~~ to state, that the Durbar have under consideration the desirability of regulating emigration from the State to places outside British India by legislation somewhat on the lines of the Indian Emigration Act.

2. It is ascertained that the emigration of coolies from Mysore to Ceylon is growing and complaints have been made that labourers are induced to enlist by false and exaggerated notions of the prospects before them.

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3. Though emigration from British India to Ceylon is free and unrestricted, the Durbar think that the grounds on which such a measure is expedient in British India do not apply with equal force to recruitment of labour for Ceylon in Mysore.

4. Before actually undertaking legislation on the subject, the Durbar would like to watch the situation and at the same time collect ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ such facts as may be easily available. I am to forward herewith for information a copy of a Circular ~~proposed to be addressed~~ addressed to District Magistrates with this object. The letters from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner forwarded with Mr. Copeland's Endorsement No.5577 dated 27th October 1908 show that the agents of the Commission keep registers of the recruits enlisted by them. I am to request that the Labour Commissioner may be kindly requested to forward extracts from such registers to the Durbar once a quarter or half year; as also the names of the agents and recruiters employed by them, so that the Durbar may, in course of time, be in possession of sufficient materials to frame their legislative proposals on the most suitable lines.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Secretary to Government

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Govt. 94-08-24

Letter No.C/4429, dated the 3rd December 1910, from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly, to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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In continuation of previous correspondence and with reference to the Assistant Commissioner's interview with you on the 25th ultimo, I have the honour to request that you will inform the Government of Mysore that I am perfectly willing to assist them in any way in my power and will as suggested submit them quarterly statistics showing the numbers etc., of --- coolies recruited for Ceylon in the State of Mysore and moreover that the detailed registers kept in my Agencies are always open to inspection by any responsible Government official. I have also the honour to make clear that I am taking every possible precaution to prevent any recruiting under false pretences and with the additional precautions now being taken, hope there will be no further complaints of Kanganies or recruiters recruiting Mysore ---- coolies under false pretences. Any complaints received by officials of the Mysore Government if forwarded to me will be carefully enquired into.

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No. 7482.

Mysore Resident's Office,

Bangalore, dated the 9th December 1910.

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A copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded herewith to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore for information, with reference to Mr. Balasundaram Iyer's letter No.440-Pol., dated the 14th November 1910.

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First Assistant Resident.

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Issued on the 16th May 1914

Copy forwarded to The Dy. Com~~r~~ (~~S.~~)
Bangalore ~~All Dists & Sps of Police~~ for information
in cont~ of circular no
G. 2929-37 of 14.11.1910
Gm 94.08.21
On the Subject of recruitment
of coolies for work in Ceylon.

By Order, etc.

for
10/5/14
J Coltz Esq. b&w~

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List of papers forwarded.

Letter no C/4429. dated 3.12.1910 from the Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly, to the first Asst to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore

or [All Dists Magts & Sps of Police]
Yes.